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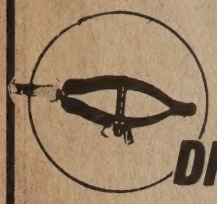

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SHARK TAG COMMENT

Being an avid fisherman and L.I.F. reader, I feel it my duty to voice an opinion in favor of the Annual Shark Tag Tournament being held at the Montauk Marine Basin this year.

Although I have never been in the water with any deadly man-eating sharks, I'm sure that the hundreds of blood thirsty "sportsmen" who seek these creatures out for fun and adventure could use their time a bit more wisely. I feel ashamed to admit that these "fishermen," who willfully engage in such a "sport" and consider it a "sport should think of themselves as fishermen instead of willful assassins.

Most troublesome sharks often remain far out at sea and harm no human. So why must these cold blooded shark hunters go after them with no other purpose than a short fight on a rod and a swift bullet through the brain? Why not empty out jails of murderers and kill the real killers of mankind instead of a specie that has been alive and unchanged as long as the shark has been.

I only wish that more of these loyal shark killers would tag rather than kill the shark before it, too, becomes extinct due to another blunder in the name of humanity. *George Krempasky Lake Ronkonkoma.*

FISH TAG EXPERIENCE

As an active fish tagger, I read with some interest your article concerning tagging in the May 22 issue of the "Fisherman".

I have found through experience that there is a small bit of information that was missing from the article. When I first started tagging, I left a rather large loop before the knot for fish growth. Although I clipped them, Ileft tag ends after the knot of half an inch or so. Several of the people who returned my tags noted that the tags were covered with marine growth starting at the knot and especially covering the tag ends. This shell and weed growth had gouged small wounds into the backs of the fish. Since I learned of this, I have always made smaller loops before the knot and cut the tag ends off flush with the knot. As a result, I have had no complaints of wounded fish. I suggest all those who tag fish follow this procedure. *Lawrence J. Winston, Garden City.*

WANTS I.G.F.A INFO

Could you publish in one of your coming issues of L.I.F. a list of salt water fish, and records taken on test line etc., to settle some friendly arguments, and also to keep on hand for reference?

I am a buyer of your L.I.F., and enjoy it very much, as do my fellow cc-workers and friends. I think other subscribers would enjoy this bit of information. *Joseph V. Averso, Bellmore.*

The Internatinal Game Fish Association (IGFA) puts out a booklet annually, listing all the game fish and the World Records. 'You can get this booklet and more by joining the IGFA as an individual member. The cost is $10.00 a year. For further information write to IGFA, 3000 E. Las Olas Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33316.

DOWELS FOR FRECH PLUGS

I have made a great many of the plugs designed by Jack Frech and I've naturally been greatly impressed by his great attention to detail and his unquestioned history as a superlative surf caster and bass blitzer.

In some of the directions you have printed relative to these plugs he mentions the difficulty in obtaining birch dowels measuring I-I/8th and I-¼ inches in diameter.

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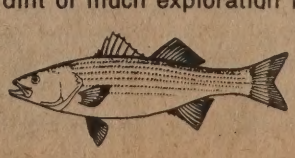

found a readily available source of these dowels which I thought you might like to pass on to your readers. The lumber dealer is Charles F. Keyes, Inc., 1080 Long Island Avenue in Deer Park, N.Y. just east of Commack Road. He specializes in hard woods only. *Whiting Evans, Amityville.*

CALCULATED WEIGHT OF GREAT WHITE SHARK

Re: "The Great White Shark Mystery" Bob H. Schaefer Vol. 10, No. 20. After extensive calculations involving the derivation of a length/-weight ratio, I have deduced the weight of the 36½ foot White Shark to be approximately 9,325 pounds, Although this estimate is based on the examination of relatively limited data, I maintain that it is reasonably accurate.*Edward J. Pakstis, Brooklyn.*

30' PLUS WHITE SHARK

I enjoyed Robert Schaefers article on the great white shark mystery in May 29, 1975 issue, but I would like to write this. Being a shark fisherman for some time, I know my sharks fairly well, and I did see a great white shark while fishing 21 miles S.E. of Fire Island. That was well over 30 Ft. He came within 2 feet of my friends 25' boat, and it was unmistakinly a white, he dwarfted the boat. So I am convinced for the rest of my life in a 36½ ft. white shark or even larger .

Thank God it was in a pleasant disposition, because my friends and I would not be here today to enjoy your terrific fisherman paper. *Sandy Festa, Brooklyn.*

ARE HORSESHOE CRABS PROTECTED?

Last week, while fishing on Jones Island pier, we caught a horseshoe crab. I told the fellow to kill the crab and throw it back in the water. Another fisherman on the pier yelled over for us not to kill it, telling us it was protected and there was a $50 fine for killing horseshoe crabs. He then showed us a leaflet put out by the Schaefer Brewing Co. saying that the Horseshoe crab, spider crab, sea robin and skate were all protected. Is this true?

The leaflet you speak of reads "Do not destroy" it continues, "The marine creatures illustrated all play important roles in mother nature's master plan and while they appear odd and unattractive are actually ecologically helpful, not harmful. Sea robins and skate wings are edible". No where on the leaflet does it say they are protected.

We checked with the D.E.C. and they said that there is no law on the books protecting any of these creatures.

Personally, I wouldn't kill any animal or sea creature unless it was intended to wind up on somebodys table. If there are any animals that need extermination in our area, it should be left to the scientist and the proper authorities to handle the matter.

News Releases

ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA MANAGEMENT AND ICCAT

As you know the NMFS proposes to declare the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna a "threatened species" and to regulate the fishery under provisions of the Endangered Species Act (cf. M 75-19, April 17, 1975.) In addition, the United States is party to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) which proposes conservation measures.

The United States has been, up to now, unable to implement certain regulations for yellowfin tuna approved by ICCAT, and more recently bluefin tuna proposals on minimum size (6.4 kg.) and catch limits.

On June 3, the House Subcommittie on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment approved H.R. 5522 (with numerous amendments) to the full Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (Report No. 18, page 249). This bill gives effect to ICCAT, and even though passed with several technical and substantive changes, is essential to U.S. bluefin tuna interests. Congressmen Leggett (California), Anderson (California), and Emery (Maine) combined views to amend the bill calling for two of the three appointed commissioners to reside in coastal states or areas with substantial fisheries, to be knowledgeable in principles of tuna fishing, and to be other than a public employee. Further amendments provided for a 2-year authorization program for an advisory committee, and implementation of regulations at the earliest possible date. Representative de la Garze (Texas) requested that the bill require annual authorization beyond the transition period (FR1976 and 1977).

Those of you interested in bluefin tuna regulations should urge Mrs. Leonor Sullivan, Chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, to report favorably H.R. 5222 for a floor vote.

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There will also be many on land displays including booths on marlinspike, RDF equipment and usage, chart updating, cruise planning, distress signaling, first aid, and artificial respiration, fishing, trailering,scuba equipment, communications, public education courses, and boating films.

Dink races will be open to the public, and a sailing demonstration by County personnel; free dockage for the day will be granted to those arriving by boat. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will also offer Courtesy Motorboat Examinations.

The highlight of the evening will be a concert by the United States Coast Guard Band from Governor's Island. All boatmen are invited to come to the Wantagh Park Marina to see how our volunteers, and professional agencies are working together to make our County waterways a safer place for recreational boating. "SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT."

For further information contact Bill Lowenstein at (516) 531-2671.

TOWN TO OFFER COURSES IN BASIC BOATING

The Town of Hempstead Department of Parks and Recreation is offering an American Red Cross course in Basic Rowboating, Sailing and Water Safety for boys and girls, 8 to 16 years of age.

Separate courses will be conducted during the months of July and August, with classes running for an hours duration on Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays, whichever is more convenient for the participants. Classes will be held at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. on these days.

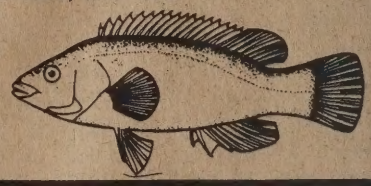
Registration for the August session will be held between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1 and will continue each day until classes are filled. August classes begin the week of August 4.

Classes and registration will be held at the Seamans Neck Park boat basin in Seaford.

Pre-registration is a must and classes are limited.

All Town of Hempstead youngsters with an interest in water safety, boating and sailing are urged to take this course.

For further information, please call 589-5000, Ext. 385.



CLUB NEWS

MARINE INFORMATION CENTER

The Marine Science Department at C.W. Post College of Long Island University is anxious to serve the Long Island Community by way of providing technical and scientific information on sports fish and on related aspects of the coastal and marine environment.

If any of your members have any technical questions or wish to have one of our Faculty visit your club, we'll be happy to do so.

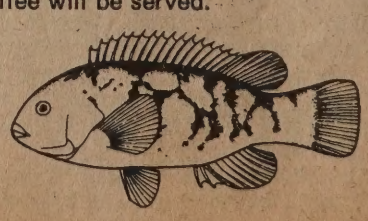
We'll be giving several special workshops and lecture series during the course of the year and will certainly keep you informed.

For further information contact Phyllis H. Cahn, Ph.D. at C.W. Post Center in the Marine Science Department, or call (516) 299-2427.

SALTY FLYRODDERS

The "Salty" Flyrodders of N.Y., Inc. will hold a "How to" meeting on July 7th at 8 p.m. in the lower hall of the Grace Lutheran Church at 31-20 21st Avenue, Astoria, N.Y. A slide show will tell you WHERE to get them, a presentation of the proper retrieves will teach you HOW to get them and a demonstration on the easy way to fillet a fish will show you what to do AFTER you get them.

The public is invited at this meeting, bring your friends and get involved in flyrodding. Cake and coffee will be served.



CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

CONTEST CORRECTION

Chet Wilcox, Vice President of the Moriches Anglers called in to correct some misinformation which was printed in our June 26th issue.

We had "Rich Barnes won the Tournament on June 7th with a 150 lb. Great White Shark." Chet made the following corrections. The tournament was June 8th, The Great White was 155 lbs. and it took 2nd place.

The winner was Leigh Schroder with a 158½ lb. Blue Shark. Leigh fished aboard the "Jo-Lynn."

SHINNECOCK ANGLERS CLUB

The Shinnecock Anglers Club is once again (for the 12th time) proud to announce their annual Shinnecock Anglers Swordfish Tournament, however this year it will become **The Shinnecock Anglers Swordfish, Marlin and Mako Tournament.**

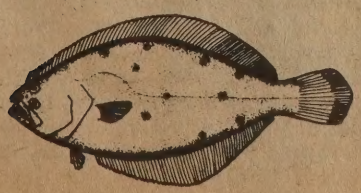
Points will be awarded on a per pound basis for each fish of the above species in such manner so that the overall winner of the tournament, and the $500 prize (to the winning crew) could go to a boat and angler who didn't catch a swordfish, but did well with either Marlin and/or Mako.

Also the traditional dates of the tournament have been changed from the last weekend in June to the first weekend in July. In this case our dates are: **July 4th, 5th, and 6th.**

There will be an old-fashioned clambake at dockside the night of the fifth with lobster and chicken on the menu, as well as the usual drawing of many valuable door-prizes. And, as in the past, all profits will go to the **Shinnecock Anglers Reef Fund**, so we can maintain and add to the artificial reef our club has built two miles south of the Shinnecock Inlet.

Fleet headquarters will be Indian Cove Marina, on the Shinnecock Canal, Hampton Bays. If you so desire, the Shinnecock Anglers will arrange slip space for your vessel.

The entry fee is $125 per boat, and should be sent to the Shinnecock Anglers, P.O. Box 569 Hampton Bays, N.Y. 11946. For further information call (516) 728-2379.



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NIGHT RUNNING

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The evening shadows are growing long and the breeze dies to a whisper as more and more skippers and crews complete their preparations and proceed seaward. There are big blues out there, and the distinctive aroma of ground bunker competes with the scents of tar, salt air and fuel oil, indication that some of our late arrivals have opted to chum rather than troll with the majority.

Who are these men who shed the cares of their labors with the setting sun, to emerge in a new incarnation, as salty as Gloucesterman of Old? They are plumbers and clerks, mechanics and lawyers by day, and their craft range from small outboard-powered craft to big, fast Rybovitch Sportfishermen, replete with fighting chairs, tuna towers and every conceivable electronic aid. Whatever their relative societal positions in life during working hours, they are all equals now as they challenge the mighty ocean; united in that fraternity of "those who go down to the sea in ships."

Evening and night boating and fishing are a blessing to the working man, for he may pursue his sport in relative quietude, secure in the knowledge that the boatmen and anglers who share the water with him are equally dedicated and serious; the weekend's vast armadas of annoying neophite "Sunday Sailors" will be marked by their absence. The sea presents a totally different aspect by night which may take a bit of getting used to for those whose boating experience has been confined to the daylight hours, but once this initial barrier (largely psychological) has been overcome, night running has an unsurpassed charm.

Aside from the lack of fierce competition which is often concomitant with daytime fishing, there are many fish which are far more cooperative during the hours of darkness, particularly during the summer months: striped bass, bluefish and big tide-runner weaks would head the list of these. Having accepted the advantage of boating and fishing in the dark, what should the skipper know and what skills must he develop in addition to those which have stood him in good stead during many a day on the water? Very little, actually.

The question of night vision is the first one to come to mind. There are some individuals who lack acceptable night vision and there is very little which can be done in these cases, but there are ways to assist your ability to see at night, assuming your vision is relatively normal. Bright white lights close at hand will interfere with your night vision; for this reason the wheelhouse should be in darkness with only the red glow from the compass and the instrument lights. If any cabin lights or deck illiminators are visable from the helm position, they must be turned off when underway.

lighting does not interfere with night vision;this is the reason why all compasses and many marine instruments are illuminated in red. When a deck officer is called below for any reason in the navy, he must first don a pair of red-lensed goggles before leaving the bridge, lest bright below-deck lights temporarily destroy his night vision which might be required at its utmost peak of efficiency when he returns to the darkened bridge.

Lighted aids to navigation, buoys, beacons and lighthouses come into their own at night, and the mariner should use the Lisht List to familiarize himself with the distinctive characteristics of those in the area in which he navigates.We will assume he is already familiar with the various navigation lights carried aboard differ-

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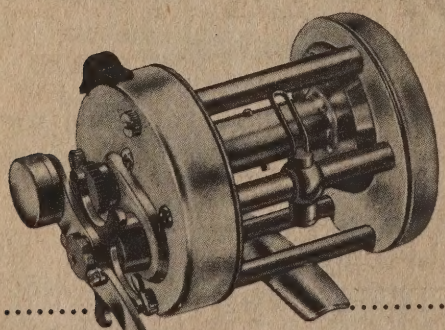

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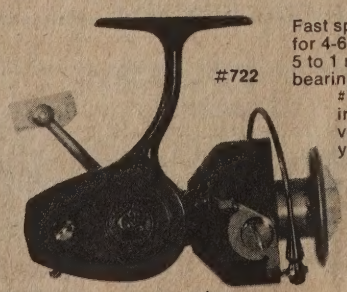

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ent vessels, which has been discussed elsewhere, particularly the red port-side lights of other craft indicating they have the right-of-way over him.

In addition to the navigation lights he is required by law to carry, there are supplemental lights which should be aboard if a significant amount of night operation is envisioned. Foremost among these would be the spot or searchlight.Size and type of spotlight required aboard any individual craft are mainly determined by the size of that craft;a 5-mile beam searchlight might be all very well for an 85-foot head boat, but would be out of place on a small cabin cruiser.A wheel-house-top mounted spot, controlled remotely from below would be best in the latter application. For really small boats, permanently mounted spots are of little use, due to the craft's unsteadiness; better a removable deck-mount which may be hand held for these. Spotlights are useful for spotting unlighted daymarkers, objects in the water and assorted other things too numerous to mention.

A floodlight is one which spreads its illumination over a wide area at short distances. They are good for lighting up deck and cockpit areas and the water immediately adjacent to the boat, and are a good aid in night fishing. Deck/cockpit lighting of some sort is really a necessity when you fish nights. However good your deck lighting may be, remember to keep flashlights and/or battery lanterns aboard to locate objects in odd corners and in the event of electrical failure.

It is never truly dark on the sea at night, except during periods of poor visibility in the case of fogs; even during the new moon, a surprising amount of light is available. For long range visibility after dark, you can't beat a pair of 7x50 binoculars. The 50 millimeter objective lenses of these navy/night glasses have tremendous light-gathering ability, and should be found aboard any late-prowling skipper's craft.

Sounds seems to carry further at night, and there are times when one feels impelled to whisper to maintain the sanctity of the sea's solitude. The night atmosphere does strange things to radio waves and it is not unusual to find yourself talking to another boat over the citizen's band radio or radiotelephone a seemingly incredible distance away. It is the same effect which enables your AM radio to pull in stations way out in the midwest after dark.

The night sea presents an aspect of surpassing beauty and majesty, for the flotsam and refuse of mankind are hidden and the ocean seems to be just as God made it. The idea of further encroachments on nature, such as the vision of offshore oil rigs with their attendant danger of seepage, spillage and ugly, life-destroying slicks, is particularly repugnant at these times.

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George Gordon
Lord Byron

BUNKER TIME

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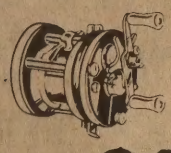
habits—they all catch fish!

You may have to wait quite a while for the first fish because if the blues are feeding nearby they will have to follow the scent trail of the bunker until they find it resting "patiently" on the bottom. It pays off to use more than one rod, but be careful that they are spiked correctly or you may watch your entire rig fly off into the abyss.

If you plan to fish the sand beach you should look for holes, cuts, or channels because this is where the blues inevitably cruise looking for a meal. Drop-offs, the edges of rips, mussel bars, large boulders, and inlet areas are also good if the tide is not too strong.



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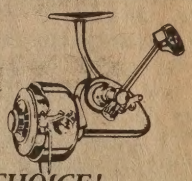

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ADVANCED FLUKING *Part VI:* Artificials & Chumming

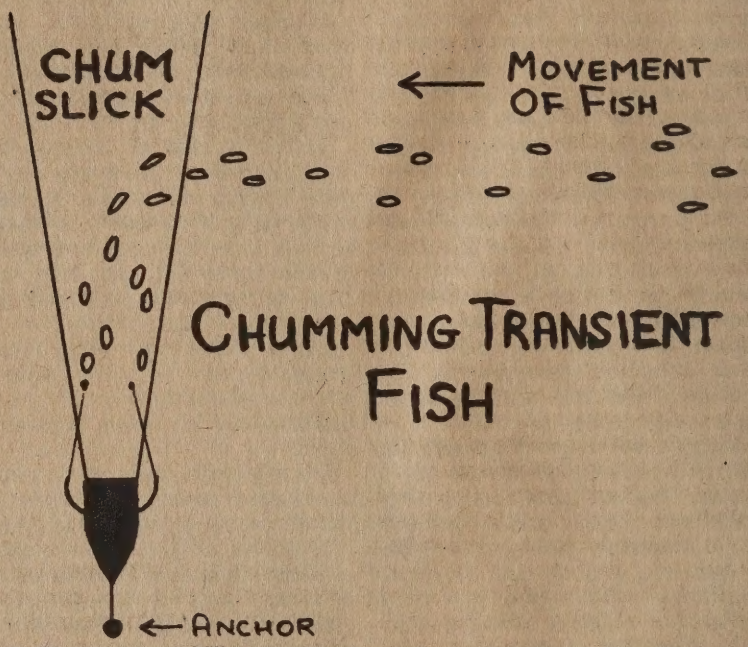
The last article in this series on advanced fluking will cover the use of chum and artificial lures. Both are methods of fluking that are rarely employed by anglers, probably due to the fact that few know how effective they may be. As a result, there is much room for the innovative angler who likes to experiment with and perfect new fishing methods and techniques.

Chumming for fluke can be an extremely effective method when the fish are spread over a wide area, as they often are when feeding in the flats of the south shore bays of Long Island. At these times, drifting will only produce spotty results, and the noise and turbulence a trolling boat makes in shallow water will often spook the fish.

Chumming is also effective if you fish an area, such as a drain or channel, where the fluke are in transit to a new feeding location. The idea is to position the boat so that the chum slick crosses the path of the moving fish at a right angle. The fluke will then be certain to cross it and, hopefully, change course to follow the slick to its course—which in this case is your boat and baited lines.

Bunker chum is an excellent choice if for no other reason than its availability. It can be placed in a chumpot and lowered to the bottom or, perhaps more effectively, ladled into the current. Mix the chum liberally with sea water to the thin consistency of a broth and feed a steady stream into the current. Don't over-do-it, however—an unbroken slick is the most important factor not the amount of chum used. Too much will just feed the fluke at a distance and fail to draw them to the boat.

Another chum that should prove to be effective is sandeels, a primary part of the fluke's diet. But unless you can obtain your own supply with a seine, the cost would be prohibitive. The sandeels may be distributed into the current whole, ground or cut into sections. Bait a 1/0 beak hook with one or two sandeels hooked through the eyes. Ground up mackerel or grass shrimp would also make an excellent chum. There's plenty of room for innovation with chumming for fluke, so experiment and see what you come up with.



CHUMMING TRANSIENT FISH

If you are chumming in the flats (three to six feet of water) the sandeels or strip bait can be fed into the current without the aid of a sinker—the same method as used with clam chumming. Let the current carry the bait 100 to 150 feet behind the boat, then reel in and start over again. If it is too strong, keeping the bait close to the surface, a small clinch-sinker or splitshot can be added 3 feet above the bait. If you are using live bait, (and you should be whenever possible) use a large snapper float to keep the baitfish from hiding on the bottom or picking up seaweed, etc. Adjust the float above the hook to a distance where the baitfish can swim to no more than twelve inches from the bottom. The float will also help to carry the bait out in the slick in a slowly moving current. Live baits that may be used, when available, are killies, sandeels, small snappers and blowfish, tinker mackerer, etc.

I was first introduced to the deadly effects of artificials on fluke many years ago before the long fluke-drought of the mid-sixties. Our neighbor across the street hailed from Minnesota and was in the Air Force, stationed at Mitchel Field. An accomplished fresh water angler, we took him fluking to show off some of our salt water species. Fishing was very slow, until our friend pulled out his fresh water lures and promptly took a nice fish on an Abu-Reflex. We thought this was a "fluke" and began ribbing him—until the first fish was followed by another, and another, and another, etc. Needless to say, the lesson was learned—artificials take fluke!

The effectiveness of artificials for fluke is attested to by the 18 lb. 4 oz. doormat fluke that Dr. Einar F. Grell took last fall on a diamond jig at the Kismet Reef. The fluke set a new I.G.F.A. World's Record for Six-Pound Class Line.

Many anglers are often surprised when they "accidently" take an occasional fluke on an artificial shrimp being worked for weakfish. Since that day on the water years ago, I have taken scores of fluke on various artificials, but I must confess that for the most part they were "accidental" fish incidental to other species. The lesson had been forgotten, and in my mind I had relegated artificials to "other methods" for fluke—until I went fluking with L.I.F. publisher Rich Reina two weeks ago.

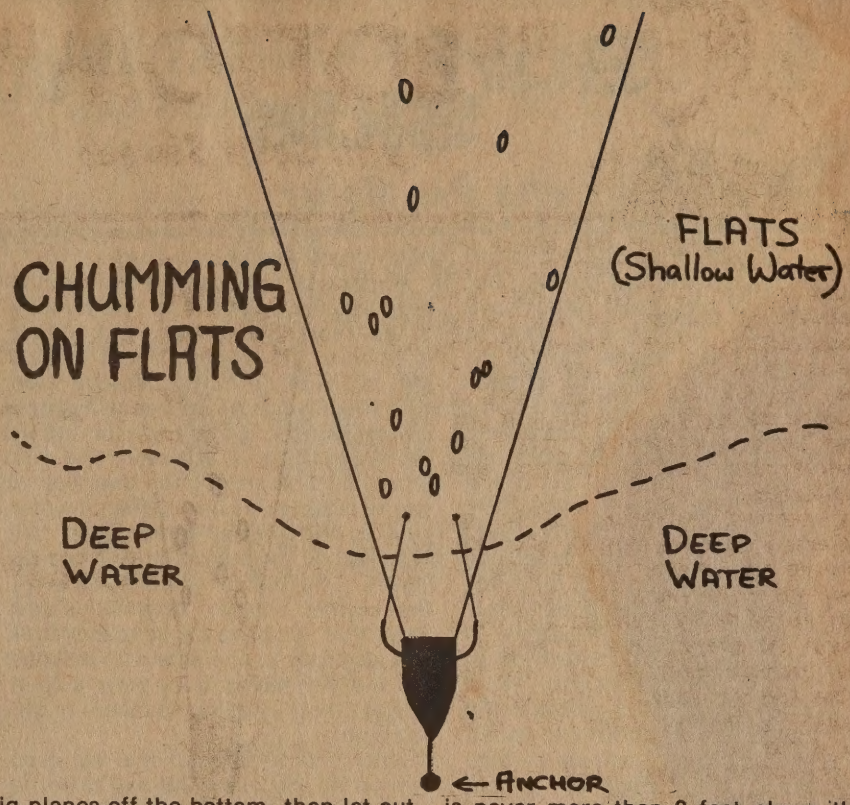
We were drifting off Gin Beach near Shagwong Point at Montauk and were catching small fluke on strip baits. Richie said, "I bet these fish would go for a small bucktail", and quickly put on a white half-ounce Smilen' Bill and tipped it with squid. He immediately started taking fluke so I joined him,

while my father and Richie's friend Mike continued to use the strip baits. In the next hour and a-half Rich and I landed about 20 fluke, outfishing the strip baits four or five to one.

Since that day I have fished the same area twice and did a little experimenting. I tried an assortment of artificials and found that anything I could keep near the bottom produced a fish—bucktail., artificial shrimp, Tri-Fin Whiptails, etc. It was a whole new ballgame switching from bait to artificials—where the fluke would just grab the bait and hold on, they would attack the artificials with a vengence.

To produce consistantly, artificials must be worked close to the botom. The trick is to cast the lure into the direction the boat is drifting. Let the artificial sink to the bottom, then slowly take in the slack line that will come as the boat drifts towards it. Use a short, sharp twitch so that the bucktail or Salty Dog slowly hops along the bottom. Usually, the fluke will follow the lure right up to the boat and rap you when the line is vertical.

If you are fishing in water 12 or more feet in depth, try a Hopkins or small diamond jig. Lower it to the bottom, then sharply raise the rod tip to bring it off the bottom. Then lower the rod tip to about six-inches from the water and raise it again as soon as the line straightens out. Repeat until the jig planes off the bottom, then let out line until it hits bottom again and continue to jig. Make sure that on the downside of the jigging action the jig is never more than 3 feet above the bottom. It's also a good idea to tip any artificial you use for fluke with a two or three inch strip of squid.



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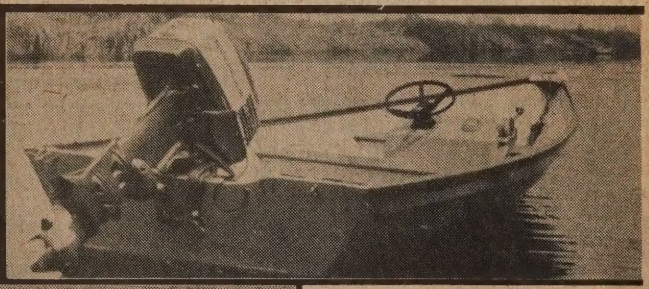

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BUNKER TIME
Part Two

It may be extremely difficult to get your hands on some live bunker, but sometimes the fish would rather have the dead bait. Therefore it pays to have a few fresh frozen bunker on hand. Some anglers use and refreeze the bunker over and over, but I don't recommend the procedure. Each time you freeze them more and more oils congeal and work their way out of the flesh. Thus with each freezing the flesh changes both in texture and taste. Bunker are not that expensive that we can't afford to swing for a few each time we plan to fish with them.

Bass take up summer residence in the same old haunts year after year in spite of the fact that there may be no bait in these areas that is visible to the fisherman. There are, however, usually blackfish, bergals, and eels in most bassy spots. The bunker will almost always be apart from the pods of big bass yet this doesn't mean that the fish won't respond to a bunker when it's offered!

Have you ever fished the beach without results only to have a boat appear, throw over a live bunker or a chunk and bingo he's in? Bass are turned on by bunker even when they aren't terribly hungry. The surf fishermen can take advantage of the bass' Achille's Heel by using plug-cut dead bunker to simulate a wounded baitfish.

Remember that the most important thing that you have going for you is the smell of those oily bunker. When you present them to the fish they will smell and feel like the real thing and that's why I favor actual bunker over some of the bunker plugs that friends have been showing me lately.

The plug-cut bait is effective on both bass and blues, and almost any large baitfish such as herring and bunker will suffice. Cut the body of the baitfish on an angle just behind the head instead of cutting at right angles to the body as you would if you were preparing chunks. Use an angle of about 45 degrees and this will put a wedged shaped edge on the fat part of the bunker. Embed a 3/0 treble hook in the middle of this wedge as shown in the diagram. Make sure that the barb of the hook has penetrated the skin on the other side of the wedge. A dull knife should not be used to cut the plug becuase it will tear the flesh and the meat will not be firm enough to hold a hook properly in place.

Rigging up for this type of fishing is easy because you tie your line directly to the treble. Cast the bait out and let it settle to the bottom. You'll need a stiff rod for this fishing because even with the head gone the bait will weigh several ounces. Do not try for titanic casts which are unnecessary and will snap your line more often than not. If you're casting into 8 to 10 feet of water you're doing fine. When the bait has reached the bottom lift the rod tip slowly. The bunker should come off the bottom sharply because of the angle that you have cut in your bait. It will also dart to one side and perhaps flip and then swing to the other side in a way that a dying bunker might struggle.

After 5 or 10 turns of the reel drop the rod tip and allow the bait to settle back to the bottom. Repeat the entire process until the bunker is either picked up by a fish or returns to your feet.

When a bass grabs the bait you'll have to feed her line so that she can turn the bait around and swallow it. Check the condition of the bait frequently and it may be necessary to change it often. The exposed flesh will quickly deteriorate and the action of the plug will become "sloppy". By that I mean that the flesh may fold on itself and the bait may either drag along the bottom or spin unnaturally.

Bass will sometimes respond to a bunker chunk but bluefish are much less particular about how the bunker is served and they will dominate the catch if they are in the area. The chances are that the pattern of this season's migrations will be very similar to last year and therefore we can expect to catch blues on bunker chunks all along the open beaches. If you know that bass are scarce it doesn't even pay to go to the trouble of using live bunker or plug-cut bait. You can cast a chunk a lot farther than the whole fish and during the summer that's often very important.

The bunker should be "steaked" or chunked and it should be possible to get 5 or 6 chunks from a large bunker even if you discard the head and the tail. Use a good sized sturdy short shanked hook—say a 5/0 or even a 7/0 if the chunks are big enough. Place the hook in the chunk as shown in the diagram. You must use a 6 to 10 inch section of wire leader or you'll cut off with almost every strike.

There are many ways to rig for fishing chunks and your selection is a matter of taste. The bigger fish usually inhale the entire chunk so fish finder rigs aren't necessary, but many sharpies argue that it helps to hook the fish when they're sluggish. I've seen guys simply toss out the chunk and hook combo without a sinker of any kind and often this approach is best when the water is still. Other anglers use a three-way swivel and attach a bright orange float 4 to 6 inches away from the hook. It's realy a matter of

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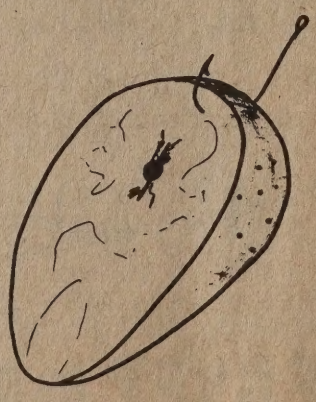

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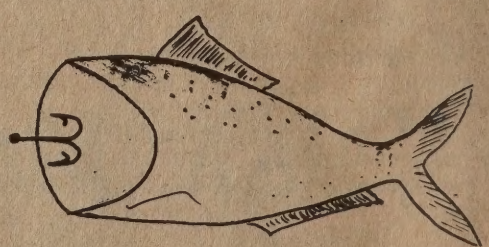

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North Shore Plugging

by Ron Onorato

The sun was still a couple of hours away as we headed the small whaler out of the quiet waters of Hempstead Harbor.The wisp of southerly breeze barely rippled the surface of the water as we sped to the east. Late reports indicated that there were a sizable number of small bass cavorting on Centre Island off Bayville, and they were right for plugging.

The trip to the reef was a fast one on the pancake-like Sound. Because it was early in the morning, and it was a weekday, we had the place to ourselves. The tide was just starting to ebb as I eased the boat slowly in amongst the boulders that dot the reef. Every now and again we heard the slap of a bass on the surface.

The rocks of the reef extend quite a way offshore, but since the water was still pretty high, I figured we had room. I apparently figured wrong: a thud reverberated through the boat. I quickly shut the outboard. Since we had been going very slowly, I decided that damage was minimal. "I guess this is as far in as we go," quipped Mike Wengryn, who, up to this point, had been silent.

We were about a quarter mile off the cement wall that lies on land by the end of Bayville Beach. The light southerly wind would be ideal for drifting and casting. The boat was gently pushed off the beach and away from the rocks.

It was just getting light when we had our first plugs in the water. The fish continued to work on the surface, but they were very sporadic. I started off with a 4-inch Rebel plug while Mike used a small popping plug.

After a ten minute drift with no action, I took the boat in for another drift. The fish seemed to be congregating in small pods, and it was just a matter of locating the fish and casting to them. We were a couple of minutes into the drift when a fish came up and walloped Mike's popping plug. The fish shot to the surface, and then made a quick run, Using all the possible pressure that the 6-pound line would bear, Mike eased the fish away from the rocks. After another short run, Mike had the fish alongside the boat; I grabbed its gills and flipped it over. It was a nice seven pound bass.

My turn came quickly as a fish tore into the Rebel. Since we were away from shore, I kept a fairly loose drag on the fish and let him run a bit. In short order, another schoolie of about five pounds came aboard.

Mile Wengryn with a school bass taken on a popper.

The fish had settled into a feeding pattern where a group of four or five fish would feed on the surface for a few monemts, and then sound before we could get the boat within casting range. The fish chased scattered schools of spearing and sand eels, every few minutes there was a shower of baitfish flying through the water. We continued our method of drifting inshore and casting until the sun was well up over the horizon, at which time the bass ended their show for the morning. By 8 AM, when we packed-in, we had over a dozen school fish in the box. The small group of boats that were just arriving would more than likely be out for some excercise, rather than good fishing.

Once the main body of small stripers, as well as a few lunkers, sets up shop on the north shore for the summer, a small group of addicts gets into the action that lasts until the fall. Sometime around the end of June, when the main slug of Hudson River fish has passed, the resident bass provide action that keeps the north shore fishermen busy.

While some prefer to troll, casting is the more exciting way to go after these fish. There are certain factors that dictate the success you will have when casting for summer bass.

Before you start fishing, you must make up your mind whether you plan to go strictly after small fish or larger fish, or both. If there is a run of small fish at an area, it would be foolish to use outsized plugs, and same holds true for using small plugs when going for large fish. The idea of "matching the hatch" pays off here.

Tackle to be used will vary upon conditions and locality. For example, when seeking large fish on plugs in and near a rocky area, the tackle must be hefty enough to take the steam out of a fish before he takes you into the rocks. By the same token, when seeking large fish on plugs in and near a rock, the tackle must be hefty enough to take the steam out of a fish

before he takes you into the rocks. By the same token, when seeking small fish in relatively obstruction-free areas, you can go as light as you like.

As a general rule of thumb, a lightweight, 6½ foot spinning reel with matching reel of six or eight pound line is a good bet for the smaller fish. If you plan to heave some big plugs, go to an eight foot outfit with at least 15 pound mono.

Of more importance in this type of fishing is the type of boat you plan to use. For the most part, you will be fishing shallow, rocky waters. If you have a boat that has a deep draft, you will be constantly nicking it on the rocks. A flat bottom hull, like the Whaler design, is ideal, inasmuch as it requires little water.

The many rocky points that dot the North Shore of Long Island are ideal habitats for the bass, for they not only offer protection, but have enough food to hold the fish. Small blackfish, bergalls, crabs, and other forage species are abundant around the rocks.

Winds and tides are of extreme importance. A mild south wind from any quarter is ideal for it gives you a good drift offshore. A north wind, on the other hand, tends to keep pushing you in on the rocks, and that's not good. Tides vary from location to location as fish producers. Learn by experimenting or by listening to a sharpie.

When scouting an area, the best time to look at it is during dead low water. You will be able to spot offshore boulders. Make a little sketch of the area. At high tide, you should know where these boulders approximately are.

As far as the plugs themselves, stick to a few basics instead of running through a whole tackle selection. A few different colored poppers in the ½ to ¼ oz. range, a few small Rebel plugs, some tiny bucktails, and some small metal lures like the Hopkins or Demon lures are a good starting selection for small fish.

For larger fish, go to the Atom Jr. and Sr. (Atom 40), some big poppers in the 2 or 3-ounce range, some big bucktails and some big tin. Whenever going after the bigger bass, use a three foot leader of 30 pound mono ahead of the big plug.

When fishing close to the rocks, stick to the plugs for you will lose the jigs and metal to the rocks. Unless you see the fish breaking in one specific area, ease the boat up to the edge of the rockline and start working the lures in them. Work the swimmers very slowly and erratically until you find the right combination. Vary the rate of retrieve on the poppers. If the fish are boiling behind the plug, but aren't taking, speed it up a bit.

Dawn and dusk are the best time to go fishing for these shallow water bass. During the heat of the day, they sulk and rarely feed. The night fishing can be good, but you have to watch yourself aroung those rocks.

Almost any of the rocky points that jut out into the Sound are potential fish producers. Some are more productive than others, by fishing them, you will find the good ones. To name a few: Barker's Point off Manhasset Bay, Centre Islandreef and Oak Neck Point in Bayville, Whitewood Point in Coldspring Harbor, Matinecock Point off Glen Cove, and the tip ofLloyd's Neck.

The only way to find out if an area is a fish producer is to fish it. You won't know unless you try. These areas usually hold enough fish to keep the bass nuts happy through the summer. By the fall, the experts are ready for the full-scale migrations, sharpened up by the summer fish.

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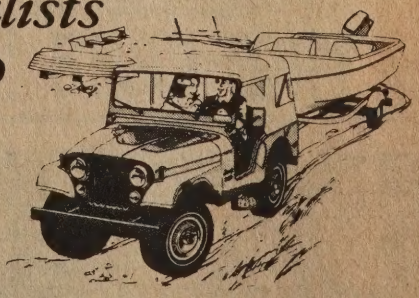

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by Frank Reiser

WEAKFISH A LA GREAT SOUTH BAY

The Great South Bay has, for the past few years, been one of the nations hot spots for weakfish, along with its enduring fame for clams. What could possibly make a better dish than to combine these two great Long Island delicacies. The next time you go out for weaks, carry a clam rake. When the fishing action slows down you can scratch up the rest of the menu.

2 lbs. of thin weakfish fillets
(if the fillets are thick cut them in half lengthwise)
1 Teaspoon of black pepper
(Crush up whole peppercorns if you really want to do it right)
4 Tablespoons of Butter
¼ Cup Chopped Onion
2 Tablespoons Chopped Parsely
¼ Cup Lemon Juice
1 Dozen Clams
Flour

Wash the clams throughly with a scrub brush and place them in a large covered pot with ½ cup water. Bring the water to a boil and steam the clams for 5 minutes. After the clams have cooled pour the juice into a sauce pan through a handkerchief, to filter out any sand. Remove the clam bodies from the shell and finely mince them. To the clam juice add 1 tablespoon of flour per cup of juice, mix throughly, and bring to a boil. Stir until the sauce thickens slightly. Remove from the heat and add the chopped clams.

Wash and dry the weakfish fillets and sprinkle them with pepper. In a frying pan heat the butter and add the chopped onions. Fry until the onions are brown and sprinkle in the parsely. Then drop in the fillets and fry 5 minutes on each side until golden brown.

Place the fried fillets on a large serving platter. Pour the clam sauce into the frying pan to mix in the fried onions, butter and fish juices. Stir in the lemon juice as you heat the sauce, but do not boil. Pour it over the fried fillets. Garnish with watercress.

WEAKFISH AND MUSHROOMS

Weakfish is a fish of delicate flavor and an ideal match for the also delicate flavor of the mushroom. The following recipe is of subtle flavors and must be followed closely to achieve the proper balance.

4 Weakfish Fillets
½ lb. of Mushrooms
¼ Cup Butter
¼ Cup Water
½ Teaspoon Salt
1 Cup Milk
3 ounces Dry White Wine
1 Tablespoon Flour
Bread Crumbs and Parsely

Wash the mushrooms in cold water and clean with a vegetable brush. Slice the mushrooms length wise into pieces ¼ inch thick. In a sauce pan melt the butter and add the mushrooms. Sautee for about 5 minutes and add the salt, and water. Cover the pot and simmer for 5 minutes more. Mix one tablespoon of flour in a little water and add to the mushrooms. Continue to cook and stir until it thickens. Then add the milk, evaporated milk, white wine and remove from the heat.

Arrange the weakfish fillets in a casserole pan and cover the fillets with the mushroom mixture. Sprinkle bread crumbs over the top and bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. Before serving sprinkle finely chopped parsely over the top.

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The Long Island FISHERMAN

FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The Long Island Fisherman is holding a contest where our readers can win a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the 45 convenient locations listed below and pick up an L.I.F. litter box for the rear window of his car. Each week the license plate number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, just call *The Fisherman* by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received by the deadline, the cash prize will accumulate.

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BAY BUM:
The Lost Art of Clamming

by Tom Franza

Why do people pay such outrageous prices for clams, especially when these things are just laying around waiting to be picked up. Yes, it is almost that simple. Just walk into the water and pick up a clam.

There are only a few minor difficulties which must be first overcome. The most important thing on your agenda is to make sure that the waters you wish to take your clams from is not polluted. If it is polluted, you stand a good chance of receiving a bonus along with your meal—a good case of hepatitis.

But let us assume that you live in an area such as Suffolk County and have found that your local waters are safe to clam in. Aren't you lucky! You are now all set to go out and reap your free harvest. Wait just one moment, though; you're going to need a license.

Assume that you have found good waters and have successfully obtained your license. Now you are all set to go. Right? Wrong! Now it is time to decide on which method of clamming you wish to pursue. Do you want to use a clam rake or do you want to use your toes? Using a rake usually produces more clams, but using your toes is a heck of a lot more exciting.

The first thing to do is to check your tides. Low tide is best because you can usually walk out a lot further than at high tide. Most of the places close in to shore have been clammed out a long time ago, and that makes all of this wading necessary. Just be certain that should you walk out and up onto a sandbar, you are able to get off that bar and back to dry land after the tide has come in.

One other word of warning: wear a shirt to protect you from the sun's rays. Dipping in and out of the cooling waters prevents you from realizing how sunburned you are until later that night, when you climb into bed and find that you can not pull the sheets over you because their weight on your back is too much to bear. It is also a good idea that this shirt be of a bright color so that it will be visible to boats around you. The greatest danger to clammers is not the marine life in the bay, but rather the animal life on the bay. Namely, the guys in speed boats who go zipping around trying to impress their friends and who never look where they are going until the last moment.

When looking for a place to clam, stay away from the center of the sandbars, as these areas usually do not have many clams. Instead, when you find a sandbar, work the area at the edge of the bar right where the eel grass meets the sand. This area, and into the grass for about ten feet around, I have usually found to be one of the more productive ones.

Another spot that is sometimes highly productive is a mud bottom in about two feet of water. Very often you will find good-sized clam beds here, since most people do not like the feeling of the mud squishing up between their toes.

As I said earlier, there are two methods of clamming. If you are squeamish, I suggest that you use the rake method. While raking, you can get away with wearing an old pair of sneakers if you wish, and remain completely oblivious to whatever lies on the bottom. This method is especially recommended for all of you pseudo-or weekend-bay bums. Merely get hold of an eight-or ten-tooth scratch rake and, when you are in about three or four feet of water, put the rake in the bay bottom, prong ends down. Begin to rake with a slight swaying to and fro, while pressing down as hard as you can onto the rake handle. This causes the rake teeth to bite into the bottom and forces the clams and everything else in its way into the basket attached to the rake. Now rapidly pull the rake toward you while twisting the handle 180 degrees. This rotates the basket to the downward side and keeps you from losing your clams while lifting the rake out of the water. Now just sift through the contents of your basket, selecting those clams which are of legal size, minimum one inch in diameter and discarding everything else. Usually the holes in your basket are an inch across. If you are in doubt as to whether a clam is of legal size, check it against these. If you are still in doubt, throw it back and let it live for some other day.

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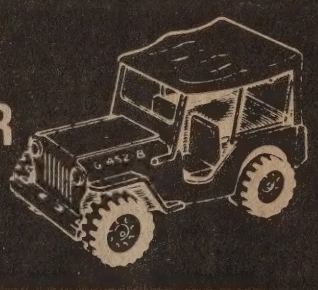

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other method but the foot method will do. Here, you shuffle along the bottom—barefoot, of course—until your toe (or heel) stubs itself against a hard, bumpy object. Now take your toe and begin to scratch around this object, in much the same manner as a chicken doing the twist, until you have freed said object from the bottom.

Now take a deep breath and reach under water, struggling to keep your balance and your toe on this lump at the same time so you don't lose it. Once your hand reaches it, quickly wrench it free and pull it up to the surface. Now blink the salt water out of your eyes and behold. If you are lucky, it will be a clam. If your toes are not quite so talented, it will be something else. Just discard it and try anew. The fun lies in that you never know what you will come up with or what you will step on. You have not lived until you have been bitten by a crab. Or step on a flounder and become the second man in history to walk on water.

You now have your first clams, but where do you put them while you dig for more? If you are enterprising, you will have placed a basket in an old inner tube, which you will have tied to your waist by means of a six or eight-foot long cord.

If you want to be really energetic and take the family along with you, do like we do. Get hold of an inflatable boat and attach this to your mid-section with a 15 to 20 foot rope. Now your wife and younger kids can come along for the ride and will stop complaining about being left behind on the beach. In addition, it gives you company while you are out there and provides a place to store something to drink. It also has the distinct advantage of giving you someone who can keep a running count on the number of clams you have raked up, so that you know where you stand.

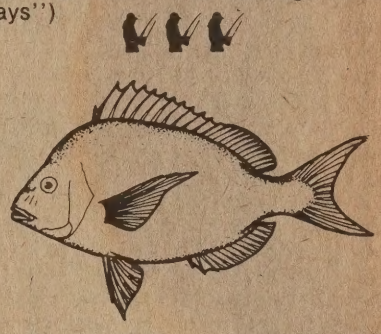
Once you have gotten your clams back to your boat, cover them with a piece of moist burlap, or one of your wife's good towels, if you feel like living dangerously. The purpose of this is two-fold. It helps the clams stay fresh by keeping them out of the direct rays of the sun, and it also prevents nosey people from seeing all of your clams and hitting you up for a free handout. If they want clams that badly, hand them a copy of this article and tell them to get cracking.

Once you get the clams home, place them in clear water for an hour or so. This lets them rinse themselves out, saving you many a grated tooth on an unwanted piece of sand.

One final handy household hint: before opening your clams, place them in the freezer for about a half hour. This causes the muscle to relax and makes the clam a great deal easier to open. It also helps to save you the scare you get every time the knife slips and you envision your entire palm being sliced away like the heel on a loaf of Italian bread.

Clamming affords you the ideal opportunity to just be alone by yourself if you so desire—away from everyone else, away from all troubles and cares; a chance to clear those cobwebs from your mind and get a fresh outlook on your relationship with life; a chance to remind yourself why you became a bay bum in the first place.

(Coming next: "The Garbage in the Bays")



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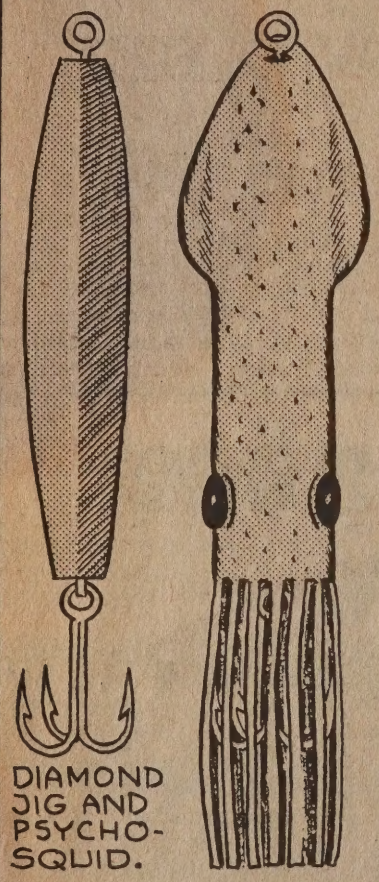

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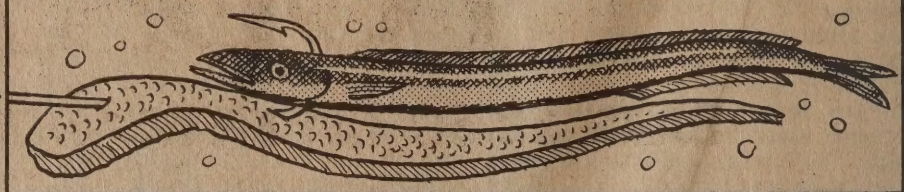

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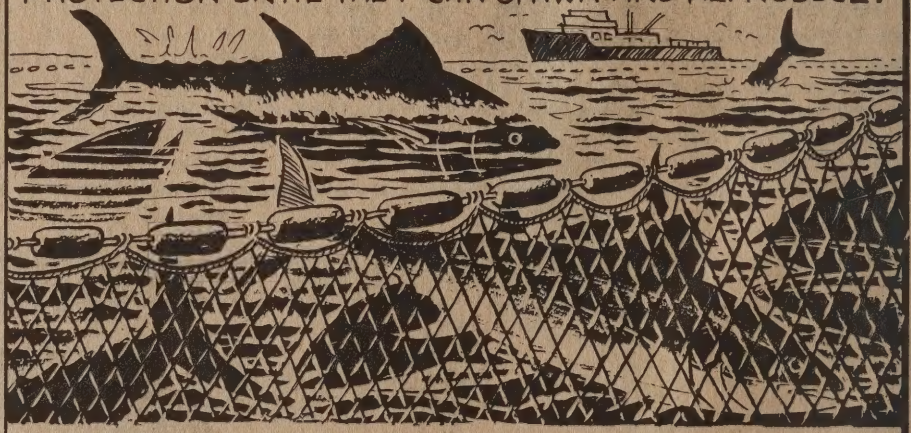

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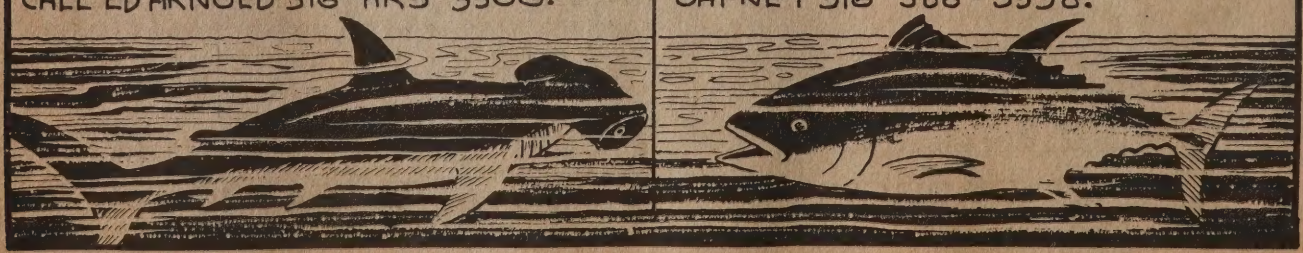

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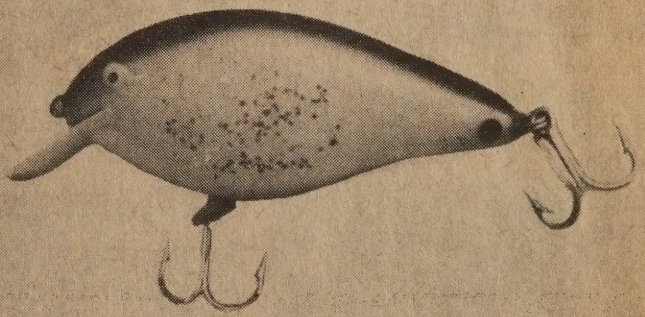

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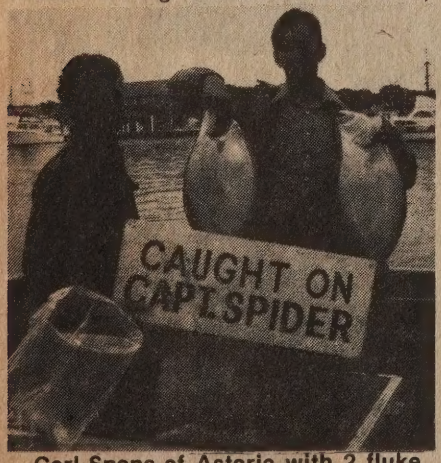
"The fluke are jumping on the hook," is the word from Capt. Brad Glas of the **Helen II**. The fluke are in stronger than ever in the North Rips and are beginning to make a good showing in the rips at Midway. Passengers are averaging 10 fish per man from keepers up to 8 ½ lbs. Best baits are strips of fluke or squid or large spearing which is provided by the captain. Fish are hitting through both tides but the larger doormats are being taken on the start of the ebg tide.

Capt. Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** said that the cod fishing at Coxe's Ledge has been good and that everyone aboard goes home with fish. Average cod are running 15 to 18 lbs. with a fish in the 40's necessary to cop the pool. The Peconic Queen will start running evening trips for giant Montauk bluefish in the near future. Watch her ad for further details.

Very good cod fishing at Coxe's Ledge, according to Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star.** Average fish is 12 to 15 lbs. with the pooler usually in the 40's. The **Viking Starlite** is doing an excellent job on the fluke in the North Rips and Midway area. She is now running two half-day trips daily, 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. The Starlite is also running for bluefish at 7 P.M.,



Carl Spona of Astoria with 2 fluke caught on Capt. Spider.

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and recent results have been a mixture of poor, spotty or good fishing. Blues are all in the 12 to 15 pound range.

Capt. George McTurck of the charterbaot **Sportfisher** said that the bass fishing has been very picky but the bluefishing has been very good at the Outer Cartwright grounds in 120 feet of water. Inshore fishing has been slow in the last few days due to a lot of fog.

The charterboat **Bronco** reported that fishing was down in the weekend fog, but there are plenty of fluke in the North Rips and along Gin Beach between the jetties and Shagwong Point. Bluefish, bass and loads of weakfish are being taken from both boats and the surf at Shagwong Point in the early evening and at night. Striped bass up to 30 lbs. are being taken from the beach at North Bar at night. Seabass are very good at Frisbees and Outer Shagwong and porgies are beginning to make a good showing off the Point.

L.I.F. staff member **Scott Simons** with friends Frank, Louie and George fished for fluke in Sundays fog and boated well over 100 fish with 55 keepers. If you want unbelievable fluke action, try Gin Beach, which is the sandy bottom stretching from the jetties to Shagwong Point. The fluke pave the bottom from 6 to 12 feet of water right off the beach. Forget about bait, however. These fish are ONLY taking a small white bucktail with a two inch strip of squid SLOWLY bounced on the bottom. An occasional pod of big mackerel also attacks the bucktail.

Capt. Frank Braddick of the charter-boat **Hurry Up** has been taking a lot of large bass trolling plugs at night, including one over 50 pounds during the week. Frank also said that there are acres of large weakfish working along Gin Beach at night for anyone who wants them.

Ronnie at the **Gone Fishing Marina** said that the fluke fishing is excellent near Inner Shagwong, but many of the fish are on the small side. Best bet is a white bucktail with squid strip. Porgies are now all over the Point in their usual summer haunts like Great Eastern, the Elbow, etc. Nice seabass are also mixed in the catches. Knowledgeable trollers are doing a good job on the bass and bluefish. Divers are also getting more than their share of bass along the southside beaches. Mackerel are showing up occasionally at Inner Shagwong and weakfish are in the same area in the evening and at night.

Freddie Shay of **Freddie's Tackle Shop** said that they are killing the weakfish in the surf at night all along Gin Beach between the jetties and Shagwong Point. Bass are being taken in the surf fromditch Plains all along the south side beaches up to the Lighthouse. Many bass are in the 20 to 30 pound class. Fluke are being taken off the Montauk jetties 1½ hours before and after high tide.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** said that the porgy fishing is very good and improving day by day. High-hook during the week was Harvey Geller of Rockaway with 54 fish. The porgies are mixed sizes up to 3½ lbs. Seabass, blackfish, fluke and flounder are also mixed in the catch.

Capt. Paul Sundberg of the charter-boat **Montauk** called to tell us of the great shark fishing out east. The blue

Bill Carr with a 8½ lb. fluke caught aboard the "Helen" in the rips east of Montauk.

sharks are now the larger males of 100 to 150 lbs. and Paul is taking 3 to 8 a trip. Best area is 30 fathoms of water 20 miles south of Montauk. On Thursday, the Bozza family was aboard and boated a dusky shark that was 10 feet 8 inches long and hasd a 4 foot 5 inch girth. Paul estimated the monster to weigh around 500 lbs. A number of mako sharks have been taken by other boats at Montauk. Capt. Larry Keller ot the **Jean iii** took some school tuna at the 40 fathom line 32 miles south of the Point and there are reports of swordfish in the same area.

The charterboat **Julie II** took a party of 2 over the weekend and did a real leap job on the seabass at the Frisbees. Over 300 lbs. of seabass were taken along with some cod and blackfish. Largest seabass on Saturday was 4 lbs. and largest on Sunday was 4½ lbs. caught by Mike K.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** reported excellent fishing on Friday and Saturday and Sunday for both porgies and weakfish. The weakfish are off Goff Point and are taking Salty Dogs, bucktails, Hopkins and just about anything that you throw at them. The fish are all 4½ to 7 lbs. with nothing under 4 pounds. The boats are also doing a real job on the porgies at Goff Point, Hicks Island and can 3. Boats are averaging from a half to 3 bushels of ½ to 1½ lb. porgies each. Best catch on Saturday was 27 weakfish, 7 bluefish and a half-bushel of porgies.

SAG HARBOR

Barbara at the **Noyac Marina** said that fishing in the area is very good but the fishermen are just not showing up to take advantage of it. Jimmy DuBose and party topped last weeks excellent catch with oger 300 porgies and a load of weakfish taken off the Monastery. The school weakfish are also getting larger off the Monastery.

HAMPTON BAYS

Good fluking is the word from **Tony's Fishing Station.** Boats are averaging about 20 keeper fluke up to 5 lbs. with about 3 shorts for every keeper, making for constant action. Best area is right in front of the station at buoy 21 and buoy 20 west of the bridge. Flounder are still good right in front of the station.

MORICHES BAY

Romona Seifert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** said that fluking was

Joseph and Arlene Koller of Kings Park with a 4 lb. 14 oz. fluke caught out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station at buoy 39 on sand eels and squid.

good up until Sunday's fog. Best area is from buoy 36 to the Elbow on any moving tide. Lots of shorts but plenty of keepers with fast action. Sand eels or killies with squid combinations both producing fish up to 6½ pounds. Some flounder are still being taken in the deep holes around buoy 36. Some small bluefish are also being taken at the Elbow on any shiney lure.

Bob Cole at **Moriches Bait and Tackle** said that fishing is excellent in all categories. Millions of fluke, many small, many keepers, best by the inlet between buoys 34 to 42. Any moving tide, killie or sand eel and squid combos for bait. Still flounder in the deeper holes around the inlet, and large cow bass (nothing under 20) are being taken in the inlet and Old Cut from boats and the jetties on live eels fished at night during outgoing water. Bluefish are in the bay and all over the place outside in the ocean. The further out you go the larger the blues get. Shark fishing has been great 15 to 20 miles outside the inlet.

The **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** reports that there is still an abundance of short fluke around but the fish are getting larger and there are plenty of keepers. The New Cut is producing the best action on any moving water. Live killies and sand eel and squid combo's are the best bet for bait.

L.I.F. subscribers receive a $5.00 discount on a days fishing at Seatuck Cove Fishing Station when they present the discount coupon they received for same in their Fisherman's Package.

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Keenan's Fishing Station** reports good mixe size catches of fluke east of buoy 23 on sand eels and live killies. 3 lb. class blues are falling to squid tipped with Hopkins. There is very good blue claw crabing in traps in the waters surrounding Keenans.

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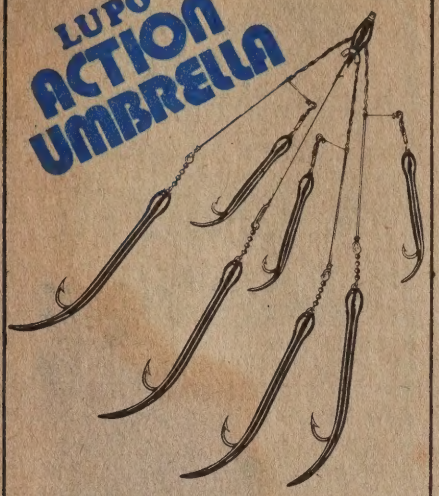

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WEST SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station called to tell us that John and Tony Zahra ofRonkonkoma, fishing with Leather weight 1¾ oz. Fenwick and 4 lb. test, had 20 weaks, 3-5 lbs, on shrimp jigs and small Mister Twisters. This action was at Heckshire's buoy 28 and 29 on a flooding tide. Fluke to 3 lbs. at buoys 18 and 19 on sand eels and stripes of trolling squid on flooding tide.

Marty at **South Bay Fishing Station** says weaks have picked up and a lot have been brought in during the week. Best catch was by Ed Mossman and Jim Horn, with 14 weaks to 5 lbs. 8 blues to 4 lbs. 7 fluke to 3¾ lbs.[and many midgets] also a couple of kings and seabass. All this was caught drifting between buoy 30 and Cherry Grove. Use squid and frozen spearing on all tides. Try buoys 13 and 13A. Joh

John at **J&R Sports** says there were a slew of sharks brought in at the Bay Shore Shark Tourney, with a lot of makos—this ought to be a great shark season.

OAK BEACK

The Store weighed in a 34.4 lb. striper taken Sunday a.m. at the Sore Thumb on a live eel. On Saturday a.m., a 22 lb. striper fell to another bass eel. Weaks a small blues at the inlet at high tide on jigs, bucktails and whiptails. Fluke is fair at the beaches and the bay on sand eels, all tides. Good blue claws at the Oak Island Cut (return the females).

CAPTREE

The Captree Boat Station reports that fluke is the way to go at the Captree and Moses piers and also at Sore Thumb and Fire Island beach for boaters and surfcasters. The fish are larger now and are still suckers for sand eels, killies, and squid strips, on all tides. Stripers are around for surfcasters at Democratic Point, Cedar and the Sore Thumb on live eels, mainly at night, at the top of the flood.

The **Capt. Ben Litwin** has been getting their passengers plentuy of fluke. Many fish are small, but there are more than enough keepers to go around. Best area is in the inlet by the Robert Moses Bridge. Arther Chapek of Islip was high hook on Wednesday with 20 fluke, including one of 6 lbs. that took the pool. Patti Litwin also took 20 fish with her sister.

"Tremendous fluking", is the work from the **Capt. Joseph Fleet.** Fish are very strong throughout the bay and around the inside and outside of Fire Island Inlet. The Capt. Joseph IV will begin running two trips daily for

Dennis Donnelly caught 15 blues up to 14 lbs. which was part of a catch of 311 blues caught by "Banjo Inn Westbury" aboard the "Lady Ann," Sunday, June 29

bluefish at 7 A.M. and 7 P.M. Bluefishing has been very good with the fish ranging from 8 to 10 lbs.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** said that the bluefishing has been very good 12 to 13 miles southwest of Fire Island in 80 to 90 feet of water. Fish are either in the 5 to 7 lb. or 12 to 14 pound class. Both the day and night trips are producing very good catches. On Saturday's day trip 150 blues were taken and on Sunday 200 fish were boated. Fish are also working all over the top of the water. Ther charterboat **Yankee** has also been doing a fair job with the bluefish at night. Capt. Speedy also said that the seas were flat calm and it was a beautiful fishing weekend.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the **Capt. Whittaker** called to say that there is definately a better run or larger fluke now being taken. On Sunday four fluke over 5 lbs. were boated and the fares averaged 4 to 8 keepers per man. There are still plenty of throwbacks that keep the action lively. Mrs. Mrs. Terry Spangnolo of Queens took the pool on the weekend with a 10 lb. 5 oz. doormat fluke and she also had eight keepers for the day. Capt. Bauer said one other doormat of about 10 lbs. was also broken off at the boat. The larger fluke are hitting on the last of the flood tide and the best area is in the Inlet up to the Robert Moses Bridge.

The charterboat **Lady Ann** reports BLUES galore! Wednesday night saw 500 3-5 lb. fish taken, hi-hook 43 fish. Saturday 200 keeper fluke were caught between the bell and the jetty on sandeels. Sunday, a 53 man charter from the Banjo Inn. Westbury took 311

Al Giglio of Bayshore caught this 15 lb. 10 oz. fluke at the Coast Guard Station on sand eels and squid. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait and Tackle.

blues, 8-10 lbs., and a few to 15 lbs. This was 8 miles S/S/W of the Gilgo pipeline.

The **Capt. Scotty** called to report excellent bluefishing south of the pipeline day and night. Fish average 6 to 7 lbs. and range up to 15 lbs. The fishing really picked up over the weekend and the blues are now in solid.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait and Tackle informs us that there are loads of blues in 70 feet of water, fish 9-11 lbs. on chum. Fluking is good, (lots of shorts to be returned) and Augie weighed in a 9½ lb. fluke taken at the Sore Thumb along with 6 other keepers by Barry Rosenblum of N. Babylon, on sand eels, drifting the inlet. Nice crabs from the town dock and snappers here and there.

Walter at **Babylon Fishing Station** tells of good fluking in Snakehill Channel plus kings and weaks on sandeels and killies, all tides. This is all the way to Captree Island and State Channel. Throw back the undersized fish! One skiff returned with 35 keepers. They threw back twice that amount. Lots of blues in 85 feet of water, 150 degrees out of inlet, chumming. There are a scattering of sea bass.

BAY SHORE

Don at **Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle** reports that he and brother Jack hooked and boated 13 blue sharks between 80 and 150 lbs. on the **Bronco** out of Montauk. Don has recently opened this shop and asks that you stop in and say hello.

Bob Palma called about the 8 brown sharks he and his friends Anthony Calagna and Richie caught. On Sunday they fished on the boat **Panocea** obtained by Gene Halland in 155 feet south-southeast of Fire Island Inlet. The eight sharks ranged in weight from 85-127 lbs. and were entered in the Bay Shore Mako Tournament.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reported that weak took most of the action this week at Unqua Point and East-West channel. Sand worms or a single hook and diamond jig drifting and chumming with shrimp and baiting hook with sand worms. Average catch is like Al Nebert's, with 40 fish in two days fishing. Fluke very good in back bays and channels with live killie or sand eels. Bluefish picked up at Fort Neck Pt. up to an 8 lb. Offshore bluefishing is excellent south of Fire Island Inlet in 80 feet of water. Sharkfishing from 90 to 125 feet. Herring

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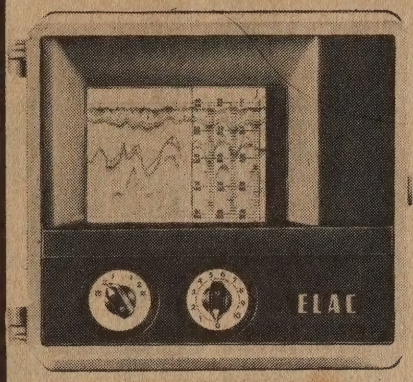

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LINDENHURST

Duke's tackle tells us fluke is very good in Fire Island Inlet, Snakehill, Dickerson and West Channels. For best size and quantity, drift West Channel towards the lighthouse. Bass excellent for chummers in Fire Island Inlet at the bridges and live eeling in the inlet and state channel at Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges. Crabs great off the Wellwood Avenue docks. Increased reports on weaks on shrimp jigs, and worms at the Thumb. Wednesday, John Spiezio and dad Jack on **"3J's"** took a 250 lb. Mako, his lst. Sunday, with Duke and Frank Searles aboard, in 125 feet of water south of Fire Island Inlet, while tuna trolling, Frank hooked and landed a 74 lb. white marlin on a Raja Hippie lure. Three other white marlins were aboard the boat, but couldn't be baited. On Saturday, George Muckian on the **"Outcast"** took a white marlin of 75 lbs. and a 60 lb. Mako in 100 feet of water. Joe Belavia and dad and friends on **"Tally 7"** had 13 tuna off Moriches on Sunday, trolling cedar jigs, fish to 74 lbs. Also, brought a sword to the boat and hook straightened.

SEAFORD

Salice Boat Basin reports fluke and weaks at 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges on killies, squid and sand eels, mostly incoming and high slack. Fluke size

Ken Mendelson, 11 aboard the family's Meri II out of Freeport's Hudson Point Marina caught these two 4 pounders and ten other keepers drifting sand eels and squid in Reynold's Channel. His dad was occupied with the 14 inch ruler and the camera. LIF Subscriber Club Photo.

Harvery Deslauriers, Robert Deslauriers and Walter Sundberg with this 241 lb. Mako shark. Photo courtesy of Mako Marina.

increasing. Weaks to 3½ lbs. on hi-hook rig. We thank Eddie Johnson for passing this info on to us.

Lonnie at **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** tells us the fluking continues great on sand eels and best is at Squaw Island and Haunts Creek on al tides. ebb best. More are keepers now and Lon weighed a 6 pounder. Bass on bunker and eels and in chummers in the State Channel and at the bridges. Sand worms at night at the bridges is also producing weaks while bass fishing. Blues offshore at Cholera. Crabs are very good at all the docks and canals.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station says** that on Saturday he weighed in a 7 lb. 1 oz. fluke, taken by Walt Fisher of Freeport on killies in Swift Creek. Fluking is generally good, with loads of shorts. Jimmy also weighed in a 38½ lb. striper, taken by Walley Dunker of Merrick on clam chum in the State Channel near Zachs Bay. Blues offshore 45'-85' of water 150 degrees to 180 degrees out of inlet, chumming and trolling.

L.I.F. staff menber Stu Miller had the infamous **G. Korn** and son Larry out fluking in the back bays and inlet on Saturday. A total of 6 keepers were taken. Needless to say Stu had the biggest fluke, a 3½ pounder. Korn now has a sweatshirt with his name on it, so if you spot him on the water, wave to him—hi's lonely, and wants to by your friend.

Mako Marina informs us that a 135 lb. Mako was hung on Saturday by Warren Schilles on the **Lady Arlene**, in 120 feet of water, 160 degrees out of the inlet—also that Marty Kalin's **"Salubrious"** with Marty and 2 pals aboard took 13 blue fish to 10 lbs. on Lupo Bunker Spoons on Saturday.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

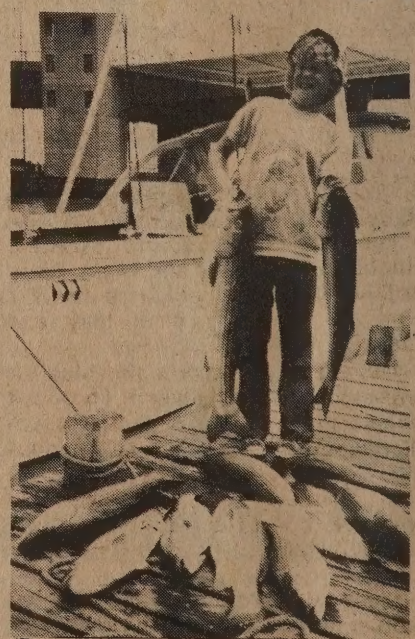
The **Starstream II** reports excellent seabass and blackfishing at local and some offshore wrecks. However, due to public clamor and schools now closer in and heavy, Capt. Richie Kessinger will have switched over to blues by the time you read this report. Two sailings daily at 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The **Capt. Al** reports very good bluefishing. Fish are 5-15 lbs., in areas N/E of Cholera. Big catches, up to 20 a man. Both days and nights are producing and not far from the inlet.

Capt. Johnny A. of the **Miss Freeport** reports very good fluking, with fewer midgets and bigger keepers in local spots and the inlet, with a 5½ pounder coming over the rail on Thursday.

The **Capt. Hall** reports very good fluke action, lots of shorts, too, naturally. On Saturday, one fare had 13 keepers with several 4-6 lbs. Friday a fare had 14 keepers to 4 lbs. Sunday the average was 4-5 keepers a man. This is local and Jones Inlet fishing. Lots of fish east of the jetty and the Capt. Hall took a couple dozen keepers on one 9 minute drift.

The **Capt. Lou II** is also bagging



Russell Doerzbacher, 10 of Valley Stream with his first bass which weighed 25 lbs. was one of 12 bass caught aboard the "Kim" on Lupo umbrella rigs.

good numbers of keeper fluke along with throwbacks, in local spots ant the inlet. On Tuesday Al Roth of East Meadow had a 4 pounder amongst 11 keepers. On Friday Paul Wetterall of Cambria Heights had 18 keepers with the pool fish weighing 25 lbs. On Saturday Gary Reichenbach of Valley Stream caught an 8 pound pool fish and 9 keepers.

Capt. Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II,** fishine the Jones Inlet fluke too small, has been concentrating his fluking off Riis Park, where most of the fish are 1½ to 4 lbs. with a lot fewer midgets. Every day sees a few 6-8 lbs. fish taken. Sunday, Spider had over 500 keepers for 42 passengers. Sand eels are the ticket. Capt. John on the **Aloma II** has been doing nicely on seabass and blacks on the local wrecks, seabass going to 1½ lbs, with a few porgies thrown in.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports fluke inside of the parkway bridges and bigger fish are moving up into the bays now and on the flats, and just off the inshore sand bars, on killies and sand eels.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports bluefishing is pretty good at Cholera Banks. The blues have been responding to chumming and butterfish and smelt baits. The blues go to 10 lbs. The fluke fishing is very good as shown by Capt. John Glasser's charterboat The Skipper. He fished on Saturday and Sunday off Riis Park. The catch was over 150 keepers each day and they went to 6 lbs. In Reynolds Channel Adam Roberts of Long Beach took a 5½ lb. fluke on sand eels right in front of the marina. Meanwhile line bunker fishing for striped bass at the Rockaways has been productive.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Angler II** reports excellent bluefishing both day and night. Until further notice the night trips are at 7 p.m. will be only on Friday and Saturday nights.

The **Marie III** reports the bluefish broke loose on the weekend. They took whalke butterfish in a bunker chum slick about 12 miles southeast of Jones Inlet. The 14 fares took home 152 blues from 3 to 8 lbs. A six year old boy, Rob of the Dennis Sweeny party caught 9 blues of 6 to 8 lbs. all by himself.

Marilyn Wardle at **Ed's Fishing Station** had an encouraging report for the weekend. Fluke fishing is the prime concern of the anglers right now. Flounders catches are holding up at Swift Creek and the blacks continue to be taken on fiddlers at the Meadowbrook Bridge. A few blues

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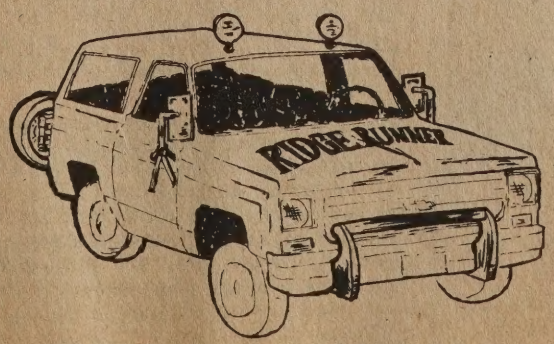

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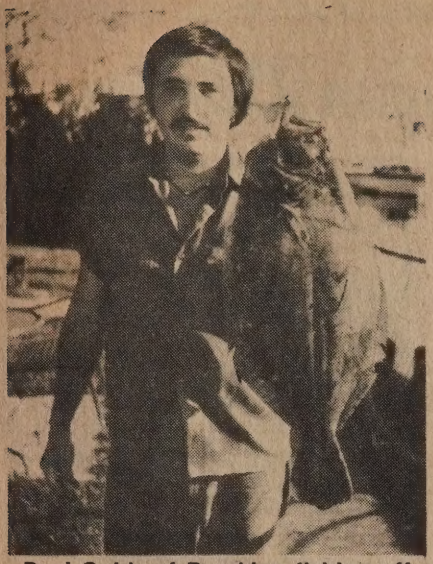

Paul Guida of Brooklyn fishing off his own boat, pulled in 17 fluke and an 11 lb. doormat off Seabright, N.J. L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.

were in Jones Inlet but were more plentiful in 80 feet of water. The Cammoratic family of Elmont and Brooklyn drifted in Reynolds Channel on Saturday and had 20 keeper fluke. These were caught on sand eels.

ISLAND PARK

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook reports continuing good catches of large fluke off Rockaway's Playland. Sand eels and spearing are the preffered bait., On the inside the bay fluke are smaller with keeper sized fluke more plentiful in spots. For striped bass line eels are pulling in some big ones over 20 lbs. from the Rockaway Beach jetties. The boat fishermen are doing well using bunker spoons or the Bingle Gorilla rig.

The **Shearwater** reports its "jawsville" out there. On Saturday, Capt. Don Eichin brought Roy Sinclair of White Plains and Tony Schillizzi of Manhattan past the H.A. buoy and nailed 16 sharks. (1 blue, 2 hammerheads, 12 duskys, and 1 236 lb. Mako(.

Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** reports great fluke fishing, in the bay, inlet and Riis Park off Rockaway Playland. 15-20 keepers a man is common, says Clem. Pool fish are 4-5 pounders. Spearing, squid and sand eels are the ticket. The fluke are revenous. Buoy 9-7 is pretty good, as is 13, 16, and 17 in Reynolds Channel in the early A.M. for big fish. Fluke off Playland and Riis Park are biggest and "mostest." Best fluking in years. Try strip baits and sand eels.

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ATLANTIC BEACH

"Excellent striper fishing at Romer Shoals until Sunday," says Capt. Ron Lepper of the **Kim.** He had been nailing 6-11 fish a day till Sunday, when the blues moved in. The stripers were 12-20 lb. class fish, and were taken on white Lupo Danny Plugs before dawn and at first light, Lupo Umbrellas worked best. On Sunday, the **Kim** bailed 75 bluefish in 2 hours on the umbrellas, any colors. Ronnie is beginning his shark fishing this week.

Sy Rubin at **Henning's Fishing Station** said the fluke fishing is improving. They are getting bigger both inside and outside with fewer throwbacks. Bluefish are being caught from buoy 4 to the N.C. buoy. These 4 to 6 lb. blues can be trolled or chummed. The bigger blues are out at the H.A. buoy. The H.A. buoy is also where the sharks are. Sy said they have had 6 makos weighing over 200 lbs. come in this past week. Striped bass fishing activity has slowed. Maybe the anglers are all out fishing for sharks.

JAMAICA BAY

The fluke fishing is terrific said Bill at **Noehren's Fishing Station.** Maybe just as good as on the outside. The fluke are 2 to 3 lbs. and throwbacks are less than half. Use killies and sand eels along Beach Channel Drive or Fishkill or Beaverkill Channels. On Friday and Saturday nites fishermen sangged bunkers and fished with them. They hit 3 to 4 lb. bluefish at the North Channel bridge. Blue claw crabs are pretty good at both bridges. Sand porgies have been showing up in bigger quantities.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Joe at **Salvo's Bait and Tackle** said the striped bass fishing is very good. Clam chumming, worm fishing and bucktail jigging is producing good catches of fish at the Verrauzano bridge. High incoming and high outgoing water is best. Trolling of umbrella rigs and small Montauk spoons are also taking their share. Fishing along the sea wall from Coney Island to the Verrauzano bridge is great for fluke and porgies. The fluke are taking spearing or squid and about 25 to 30 % are keepers. Porgies run ½ to ¾ lb.

Great fluke fishing at Plum Beach flats, Manhattan Beach and the Rockaway Jetty according to **Bay End Dock.** Sand eels and squid are the baits. Striped bass are all over but are responding well to bunker dunking and clam chums at the Rockaway Jetty and the Roundhouse.

The **Amberjack IV** has been doing excellent fluking days in the Ambrose areas and points east and doing battle with choppers, with good success on the 7 p.m. nite trips.

The **Blue Sea II** is still having fabulous fluking at Ambrose and off Jerseys Sunshine Beach. Fish are averaging 2-6 lbs., with 6-8 lb. pool fish each day. Sand eels are working best. Shorts are still a 5:1 ratio winner, but there is plenty of action and plenty of keepers.

Lou Rosado, Capt. Don Lynch and Mickey Chiarenza with a total of 26 bass up to 40 lbs. on a recent trip to Cuttyhunk Island, Mass. The trolling lure was a 3½ oz. gray eel (Tri-Fin). The bass were caught aboard the 25' bass boat "Susan J."

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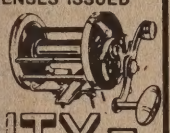

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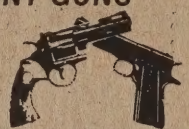

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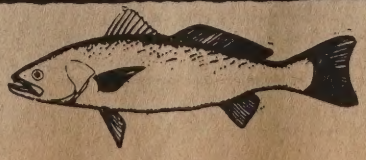

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Capt. Mike Scarpati of the **Ranger V** reports that he was slaughtering the blues Saturday night at Klondike and Sunday at Barnegat, fish 4-12 lbs. Mike says the season's well under way. Days are fair, but nights are best now. Average is 10 a man.

Big Mohawk II skipper Dan Kenny reports very good fluking off Jersey's State Park, with over 250 keepers on Sunday, and an 8¾ lb. pool fish weighed in at **Mike's Bait and Tackle,** right across Emmons Avenue. On Thursday, a 41 man charter from the NYC DPW bagged over 600 keeper fluke, in the same area off Jersey, many fish 4-6 lbs. and the pool fish going 7 plus lbs.

The charterboat **Jonny K II** reports he's been nailing very good striped bass catches behind Swineburne Island and Hoffman Island in 10 ft. of water. Bass ran to 11 lbs. and blues, which invaded these areas Sunday, to 12 lbs. The fish box filling bass catches were Thursday, Friday and Saturday, blues on Sunday. Bass on bucktails and umbrellas.

The new all aluminum **Helen H** steamed into Sheepshead Bay on Thurday amidst loud tooling of boat whistle and handshakes for Capt. "Huck" from his fellow captains.

STATEN ISLAND

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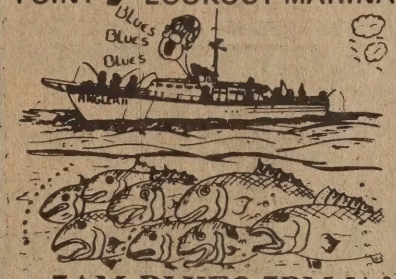

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GREENPORT

A.P. White Bait Shop reports the weakfishing slowing down but the evening fishing remains good at Louie's Beach and Deering Harbor. They are hitting squid bait mostly. Casting big sand worms from the shore at Hag Beach is great for striped bass. It is night fishing only in Plum Gut for striped bass. East of Gardiners Island near Green Hill area is great for fluke, blacks, loads of porgy and some sea bass. Blacks are still in good on the Sound and at Plum and Gull Islands.

The **Brand x** and the **Wilheric** are cleaning up on porgies along with fluke and blacks.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Eqypt Fishing Station reports loads of porgies at buoy 15, South Ferry and off Cedar Beach at buoy 17. They are spotty between buoys 14 and 17. There are some to be had in the Brickyard. Striped bass fishing in Plum Gut is good at night. In the daytime you can try the las of the incoming tide.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports the weakfishing is picking up pretty good. The fish go to about 6 lbs. and are hitting sand worms and squid. Fred Sigoski of Brooklyn had 40 weaks to 8 lbs. using squid at buoy 18. There are quite a lot of porgies all over the bay. Rose Grove and buoy 4 are the better spots for weaks and porgies.

JAMESPORT

Frank at **Jamesport Bait and Tackle** said the porgies and weakfish are plentiful. The weaks are hitting sand worms and squid from Robins Island to Southold and at Rose Grove. These 1½ to 2 lb. weaks are hitting practically any tide and all day. Porgies of ½ to 1½ lbs. are all over and hitting skimmer clams or sand worms.

WADING RIVER

Wildwood Deli reports the blackfishing has been very slow but 6-9 lb. fish have been taken. Striped bass fishing from the beach has picked up. Using sand worms at Herod Point

have brought in fish to 12 lbs. Further east two anglers of the North Shore Anglers, Mike and Art Bollerman, using live eels took a 22 and 28 lb. striped bass from the surf. Joey Tokarz while trolling for striped bass took a 4½ lb. blue. The blues should be in solid by the weekend.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Plenty of porgies according to **Ralph's Fishing Station.** Blackfish seem to be slowing down with the biggest being 7 lbs. They are taking skimmer clams. More people are fishing for fluke in the inlet with greater success. They are using squid and sand eels and are up to 3 lbs. The striped bass in the back of the harbor are shorts.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports the porgy and black fishing holding up well. There are nice fluke at Port Jefferson and Mount Sinai Harbor inlets and at Flax Pond. Big striped bass to over 30 lbs. are hitting big white floating plugs or big sand worms. At Conscience Bay, the Narrows and the east side of the harbor. This is all night fishing. There seems to be two schools of blues. One of 1-4 lbs. chasing sand eels which are plentiful and another inside the harbor of 12 to 14 lbs. These big choppers are hitting poppers mostly and bunker bait.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** reports porgies plentiful, with blacks hanging in, plus weaks and fluke to be had. On Tuesday, 26 men took 1000 porgies to 2 lbs. and a 7 lb. weak took the pool. Saturday, Ed Evans had 22 porgie double headers and Ken Kline bagged a 3 lb. fluke. Fishing good to excellent.

SMITHTOWN BAY

'Tim at **Smithtown Sports Shop** said the small Tri-Fin lures are doing a job on the striped bass at Calahan's Beach. Black fishing is very good in the rocks at Cranes Neck and towards the Kings Park area. The blacks go to 4 lbs. and are taking worms. Small blues have been taken on ½ oz. chrome Creek Chubs off the Lilco stacks.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reports the blue fishing was good until the heavy weekend boat traffic. Out in the center of the Sound and down deep big blues are hitting deeply trolled surge lures or umbrella rigs. Inside the harbor 4 to 5 lb. blues are chasing bunker. They can be taken on bait or

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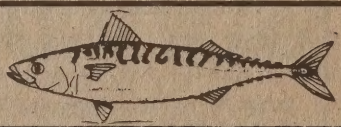

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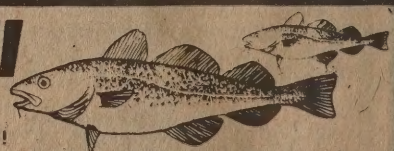

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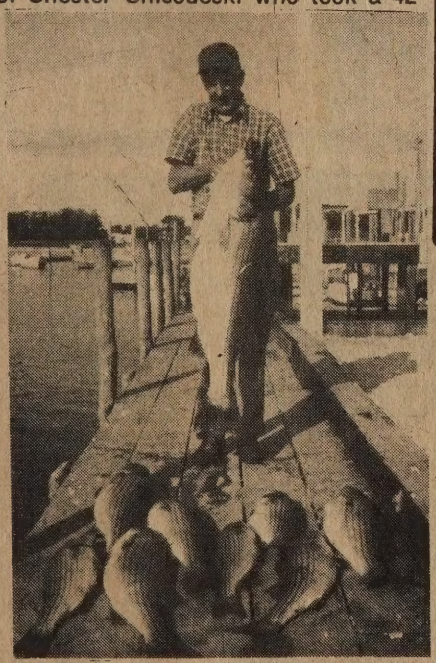
PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait and Tackle told us of Chester Chicoueski who took a 42



Barney Oates caught this 44 lb. striper on the incoming tide at Plum Gut on a white bucktail. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt, Southold.

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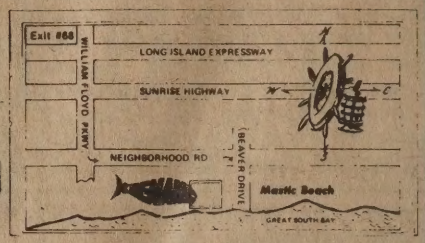

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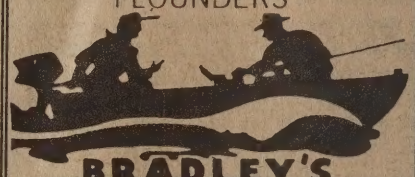

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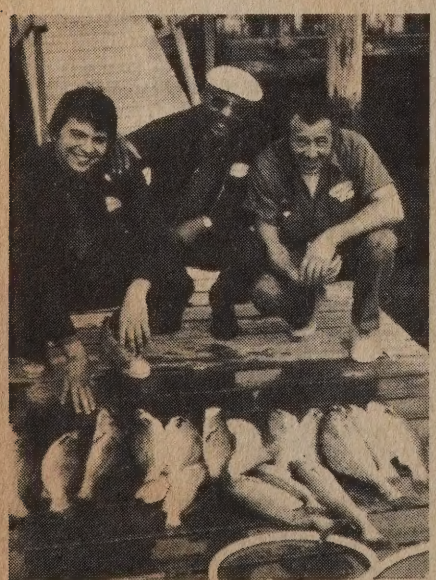
Tom Procopiadi of the Bronx lightly hefts the 4 lb. weakfish he took on a whole sandworm drifting off New Rochelle. Photo courtesy of John's Gun & Tackle, City Island.

lb. striped bass from the Glen Cove area on bunker. Snapper blues are in Manhasset Bay. Weaks are also in the bay and at the point taking Salty Dog shrimp lures and mackerel jigs. A nine pound bluefish was taken by Marian Geraudin using bunker at Barkers Point.

BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station reports the Center Island reef has porgies to about one pound. The weakfish there are taking Salty Dog lures or worm. They are from 3 to 10 lbs. An ocassional black is also picked up.



Joe, Ed and Sonny, all from Amerford Air Cargo, caught 16 weakfish and 2 porgies on Joe's boat in the South Race at Robbin Island. Largest weak was 6 pounds.

CITY ISLAND

John at **John's Gun and Tackle** in the Bronx was fishing on the Jacquelline alongside Zach Grossmans Striper Hawk at No Nations. Zach caught a 20 lb. striped bass while Lou Abatello had a 9 pounder both taken with mackerel on Sunday morning. Blue fish trolling with wire line and surge tubes is just starting to produce. Also bunker and mackerel chunks on the bottom. At No Nations there are blacks and good size porgies.

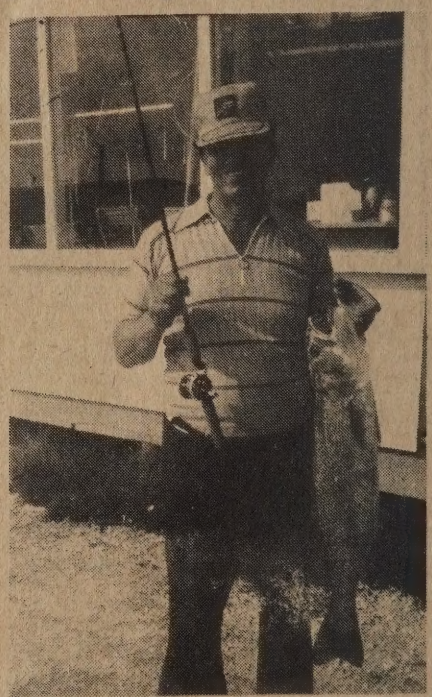
Joseph, Chris and Mark laugh it up as they heft 10 and 12 lb. bluefish they took on the boat "Rum 'n Coke" during the Moriches Shark Tournament. The skipper was Capt. Joe Martinek. L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

There are plenty of blackfish and plenty of good size porgies in the New Rochelle, Rye, and Mamaroneck area. All size bass are coming in from most everywhere thanks to tremendous schools of bunker. Trollers are scoring on blues off Rye. Further up the Conneticut Shore it is just about the same story except for more and bigger bass and some weaks on the bottom in mid-sound. Look for big blues and bass under bunker schools. Todd's Point is producing fluke, weaks, bass and blues.

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

Staten Island Bay is full of fluke and weakfish. Squid and sand eels are best for fluke and shedder crabs are producing weakfish. At Sandy Hook live bunker, rigged eels, sand worms and trolled tubes are all producing bass. Most of the bass are right on the beach. There are lots of fluke at the tip of the hook. Squid, sand eels and killies are the bait. Sandy Hook bay is loaded with weakfish. Trollers in the Sandy Hook area are scoring on 4 to 5 lb. blues on tubes. The Monmouth Beach area has blues and weakfish off shore taking trolled tubes and umbrellas. There are tuna and bonito further offshore hitting trolled cedar plugs.



Dan Marchesiello caught this 10 lb. weakfish in front of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station on a squid strip.

TIDE TABLES

ON →	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
7/3 THURSDAY	3:14	3:49	5:16	5:45	6:36	7:05	7:08	7:32
7/4 FRIDAY	4:14	4:47	6:11	6:30	7:36	8:01	8:04	8:23
7/5 SATURDAY	5:17	5:43	6:58	7:15	8:38	8:55	8:57	9:15
7/6 SUNDAY	6:14	6:34	7:48	8:00	9:37	9:47	9:50	10:03
7/7 MONDAY	7:05	7:21	8:34	8:45	10:28	10:38	10:36	10:51
7/8 TUESDAY	7:53	8:07	9:21	9:31	11:15	11:25	11:24	11:38
7/9 WEDNESDAY	8:41	8:54	10:07	10:19	—	12:01	—	12:10
7/10 THURSDAY	9:29	9:42	10:55	11:08	12:14	12:49	12:25	12:57

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet −0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". − 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
7/3	12:20	6:50	12:50	7:10
7/4	12:55	7:30	1:25	7:55
7/5	1:40	8:20	2:20	8:45
7/6	2:30	9:10	3:00	9:35
7/7	3:20	10:00	3:50	10:30
7/8	4:10	11:00	4:45	11:20
7/9	5:10	11:50	5:35	
7/10	6:00	12:20	6:25	12:55

PHASES OF THE MOON

7-8	7-15	7-23	7-31
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

7-6	5:37	8:32
7-12	5:40	8:30
7-18	5:45	8:27
7-24	5:50	8:22

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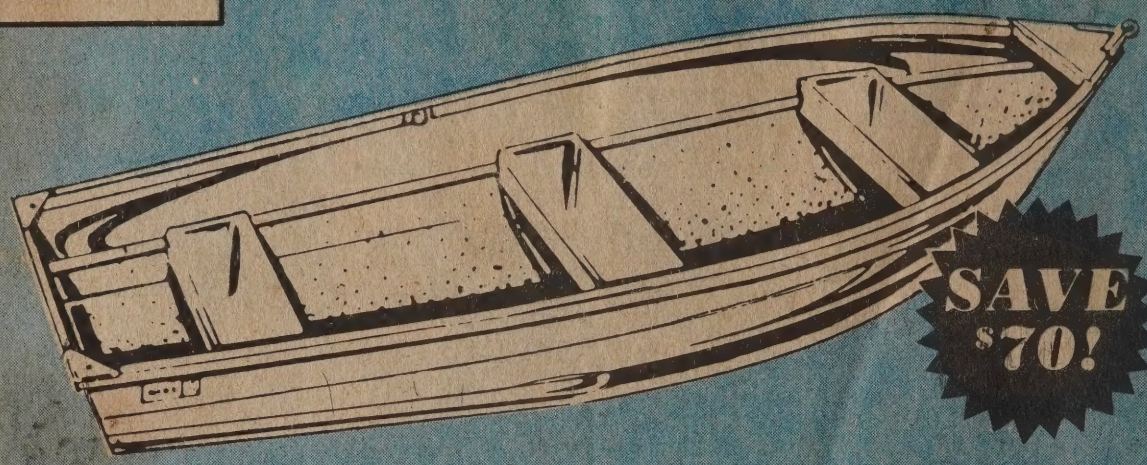

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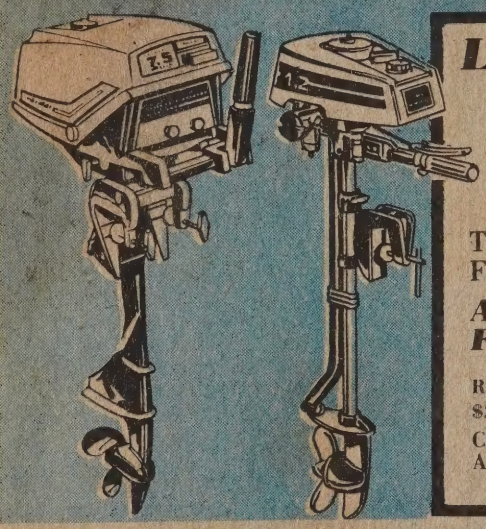

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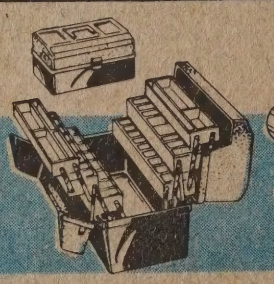

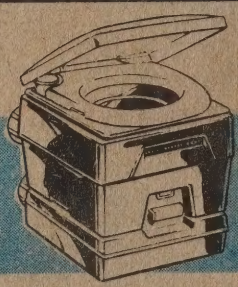

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